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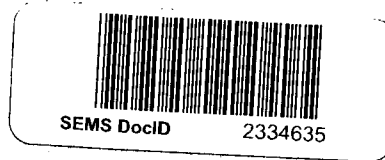
MORTON STREET SITE

1020 MORTON AVENUE

CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA 19013

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, JOHN RILEY

EVENT: REMOVAL SITE ASSESSMENT



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- I. SITUATION: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1995
- A. THE CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT (CFD) RESPONDED TO A FIRE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND NOTIFIED EPA REGION III THAT MULTIPLE UNKNOWN DRUMS, PAILS, ASSORTED CONTAINERS AND TRANSFORMERS WERE LOCATED ON SITE.
 - B. ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1995, OSC GUARNI AND CIVIL INVESTIGATOR RICHARDSON INTERVIEWED MR. FRANK SULLIGAN, OWNER OF 1020 MORTON AVENUE. AT THAT TIME, MR. SULLIGAN GRANTED ACCESS TO THE FACILITY FOR EPA TO PERFORM FOR EPA TO PERFORM A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT.
 - C. ON OCTOBER 3, 1995 OSC GUARNI RECEIVED WRITTEN VERIFICATION FROM MR. SULLIGAN'S LEGAL COUNSEL FOR SITE ACCESS.
 - D. THE SITE IS A VACANT FACILITY, AND PAST HISTORY INDICATES THE BUILDING WAS USED AS A DYE FACILITY.
 - E. ON OCTOBER 10, 1995 AT OSC GUARNI'S DIRECTION SATA CONDUCTED A SITE ASSESSMENT AND SAMPLING OPERATIONS AT THE VACANT FACILITY. SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED FROM A BASEMENT AREA THAT WAS OBSERVED TO CONTAIN SEVERAL FEET OF WATER AND VARIOUS DRUMS AND CONTAINERS. SAMPLES WERE ALSO COLLECTED ADJACENT TO THE LOCATION WHERE SUSPECTED PCB TRANSFORMERS WERE ONCE LOCATED AND IN A GRAVEL AREA OUTSIDE OF THE FACILITY. SAMPLES WERE ANALYZED FOR VOA'S AND PCBs. THE RESULTS INDICATED SLIGHTLY ELEVATED LEVELS OF BENZENE AND ACETONE, 42ug/L AND 23ug/L RESPECTIVELY.
 - F. PERSONNEL ON SITE: EPA-2, SATA-3, CFD-8, COUNTY-1.
 - G. WEATHER: SUNNY AND TEMPERATURES IN THE MID-40'S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. OSC GUARNI TASKED SATA TO CONDUCT FURTHER SAMPLING OPERATIONS AT THE MORTON STREET SITE.
- B. ON NOVEMBER 9, 1995 OSC GUARNI AND SATA TEAM ARRIVED ON SITE. OSC GUARNI RECEIVED PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE SITE FROM PROPERTY OWNER, MR. SULLIGAN, ON NOVEMBER 8, 1995.
- C. CINDY DEPROPHETIS FROM THE DELAWARE COUNTY DAILY TIMES WAS ON SITE TO SPEAK WITH OSC GUARNI ABOUT THE CURRENT SITE ACTIVITIES.
- D. BATTALION CHIEF JOE CLIFFE FROM THE CITY OF CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT, ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR GERALD J. MULVILLE, AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WERE ON SITE FOR AN UPDATE ON CURRENT SITE ACTIVITIES. FIREFIGHTERS EXPOSED A

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E. BASEMENT AREA BY CUTTING THROUGH THE FLOOR OF THE MAIN BUILDING AREA. THE BASEMENT CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY ONE FOOT OF WATER AND BLACK SLUDGE. SATA COLLECTED THREE SURFACE SOIL SAMPLES FROM THE OUTSIDE STORAGE AREA OF THE FACILITY, AND ONE FROM THE AREA OF STAINED SOIL NEAR WHERE THE TRANSFORMERS WERE ONCE STORED. ADDITIONALLY, TWO WATER SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED FROM THE OUTSIDE PIT AREA AND THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE BUILDING. FIVE SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS CONTAINERS THAT WERE LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE FACILITY, DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE WATER REMAINING IN THIS AREA ADDITIONAL SAMPLES COULD NOT BE COLLECTED. FINALLY, ONE SEDIMENT SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED FROM THE BASEMENT AREA EXPOSED BY THE FIREFIGHTERS. THE CONTAINER SAMPLES WILL BE ANALYZED FOR BNA'S AND METALS, AND THE REMAINING SAMPLES WILL BE ANALYZED FOR FULL PRIORITY POLLUTANTS.

1. FUTURE ACTIONS

A. PENDING ANALYTICAL RESULTS, FURTHER REMOVAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE OSC.

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